

A PROGRESSIVE VALLEY.

THRIFTY PEOPLE, GOOD TIMES.

The Farmers' Bountiful Crops Make the Business of the City Good.

—Billings' Bright Prospect.

BILLINGS, Jan. 7.—[Special Correspondence of the Independent.]—With the advent of another year it is natural that the thinking man should look back over the events of the year just past and ponder on its occurrences and their results.

The early spring, redolent with its blossoming herbage, brought renewed life to the alpine, dormant with the enforced idleness of the winter season, and the plow and the harrow were in there than usual requisition, transforming from desert to garden more acreage than ever before.

The summer season, with its abundant rainfall fostering into luxuriance every kind of vegetation throughout the valley, has been productive of prosperity to the tiller of the soil, both in quantity as well as quality of its various products.

The grain yield, which has this year been raised with unusual economy for the reason that the history of the agriculture in this part of the territory, while other crops have been correspondingly large.

The stockman, too, from whom a large amount of the supply of self-congratulation on the revenue derived from the wool crop and the sale of meat, has been the beneficiary of the season's bounty.

Nor has the summer passed with no new enterprise to place in the balance against the advancement of preceding years. The electric light, which has been the subject of much discussion, has been put into operation for the lighting of the city and for miles around it, a standing monument to the industry and enterprise of our citizens.

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THE WOLF EVIL.

The Best Time to Kill the Varmints—One Animal for Every Mile of Railroad.

Stock Growers' Journal, Miles City: The time to kill wolves is every day in the year.

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D. S. POWELL REVERE and M. BUNTON.

Application for a Patent.

U. S. L. AND OFFICE.

Helena, Montana, January 1, 1900.

Notice is hereby given that the said D. S. Powell Revere and M. Buntun have applied for a patent.

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No. 3—Mont. Pac. Ex. from St. Paul and north, 11:20 a. m.

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The following is the time of the arrival and departure of trains on the Northern Pacific.

ARRIVALS AT HELENA.

No. 1—Through East-bound express, 3:30 p. m.

No. 2—Through East-bound express, 7:30 p. m.

No. 3—Through East-bound express, 11:30 p. m.

No. 4—Through East-bound express, 3:30 p. m.